



THE RECORD

Thank You for Your Welcome

Dear Friends

When Mary and I were in Africa I used to get up very early and cycle up into the hills to watch the sunrise. We were there at a time of political tension, so to make a regular journey into the countryside I needed permission from the President's Office. But then, under a star-lit sky, I would cycle up a dust road until I reached the bank of the Mweri-hari River. There I would wait, the flat-topped acacia trees silhouetted against the brightening sky, as the deep red sunrise began the day. Back in Scotland I kept the pattern going. I cycled down to Renfrew for the early-morning ferry to Yoker. I couldn't rely, sadly, on seeing a bright red sunrise every morning.

But I came to know the little crowd of regulars who took that first ferry of the day, off to work in the Albion works or in John Brown's shipyard. Some had been crossing the river there for over 30 years. They had

travelled on the chain-driven ferry, then on the big diesel ones, the Yoker Swan and the Renfrew Rose. Now there is a little aluminium landing craft, the Silver Swan. One of the ferrymen had worked on them all, and he too had been crossing the river for over 30 years.

They greeted a newcomer in a very friendly fashion. One gave me a pair of safety-goggles to keep the hail and snow out of my eyes in bad weather. All in all, their message to me was "Welcome aboard!"

My experience here at Orchardhill has been exactly the same. I arrived as a newcomer, as a relative stranger to most of the congregation. I am very grateful for the kindness shown to me from the start. It seems as though those same words have been uttered: "Welcome aboard!" I look forward to sharing in the life of the congregation in the coming weeks.

Grace to you and peace.

John Miller

This month's edition of The Record is not in the normal format. The reason for that has been outwith the control of the Editorial Team

Collection Rota

FEBRUARY

2	Bill Yuill 638 2400; Sandra Cherrie 638 9702; Jim Mackinnon 638 2123; Norma Hannah 638 7515
9	Bill Yuill; Sandra Cherrie; Jim Mackinnon; Norma Hannah
16	Bill Yuill; Gordon Ross 638 1207; Jim Mackinnon; Alastair Borland 638 0958
23	Bill Yuill; Gordon Ross; Jim Mackinnon; Alastair Borland

MARCH

2	Ian Anderson 638 0689; Roseanne Henderson 571 7375; Pauline Young 562 9906; Ian Cartlidge 571 7839
9	Ian Anderson; David Evans 571 7846; Irene Kinniburgh 638 3722; Ian Cartlidge
16	Hilary Kennedy 638 6114; David Evans; Irene Kinniburgh 638 3722; Lisel Tait 638 8345
23	Fiona Cameron 571 7656; Peter Worthington 638 4316; Jim Kerr 638 2747; Lisel Tait
30	Fiona Cameron; Peter Worthington; Jim Kerr; Susan McQuilter 638 6936

The Guild

In the Fellowship Room on Monday 10 February at 2.00pm Rev John MacGregor, of Hillington Park Church, will speak to the Guild about the ARK, which supports street children in Uganda.

On Monday 24 February, also at 2.00pm in the Fellowship Room, Ms Anne Royale will visit us with her guide dog to speak to us about "Pathfinder Dogs".

We look forward to welcoming everyone interested in these talks.

Flower Delivery

Please note that the Flower Delivery lists may be on a table inside the church if you are unable to locate them on the noticeboard at the Tower Door. Please add your name to your chosen date if you can assist with this worthwhile service.

Communion Roll

Deaths

On Thursday 26 December 2013 Mrs Vera Murchie, 3 Atholl Drive, Giffnock G46 6QL (district 10)

On Tuesday 31 December 2013 Mr Gerard (Ged) Robin, 29 St Anne's Drive, Giffnock G46 6JS (district 18)

Congregational Register

Baptism

On 5 January 2014 Finlay Neil Hamilton Carmichael, son of Fiona and Donald Carmichael, 26 Claremount Avenue, Giffnock, G46 6UT (district 14)

Lisa's Stars

Due to the kindness and talents of Orchardhill members and friends, Lisa's Stars was able to make another delivery of knitted items to the Princess Royal Maternity Hospital in time for Christmas. We have received a card from the hospital thanking us for thinking of the babies of the Neonatal Unit.

We are currently in need of wool for our wonderful knitters: even one ball of wool can make hats for these tiny babies. If you have any wool to donate, please contact Gillian Griffiths on 0141 638 5997 or at gillianmgriffiths@hotmail.com.

Orchardhill Calendar

FEBRUARY

Sun	2	10.30am	Family Worship and Sacrament of Baptism	Rev John Miller
Thu	6	7.30pm	Thinking Allowed with Professor Alison Phipps OBE (The Iona Community) at Orchardhill	
Sun	9	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev John Miller
Mon	10	2.00pm	The Guild in the Fellowship Room (Rev John MacGregor: The ARK)	
Tue	11	7.30pm	Kirk Session	
Sun	16	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev John Miller
Sun	23	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev John Miller
Mon	24	2.00pm	The Guild in the Fellowship Room (Ms Anne Royale: Pathfinder Dogs)	

MARCH

Sun	2	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev John Miller
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Deadline for March *Orchardhill Record*

As previously intimated, each *Orchardhill Record* edition will be published on the last Sunday of the previous month. The March edition will be published on Sunday 23 February, and the deadline for contributions will be Sunday 9 February.

Contributions should be sent by email to record-editor@orchardhill.org.uk before 1.00pm that day or left in the relevant slot in the rack in the church corridor no later than 10.30am. We prefer contributions to be sent by email, and we cannot accept any handwritten or typed item that does not identify the source.

The editor acknowledges every contribution. Please contact him before the deadline if he does not confirm that he has received your contribution.